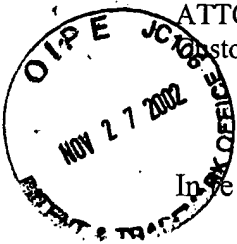


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In Re Application of

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Serial No. 09/873,209

Group Art Unit: 1723

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed August 27, 2002, having a three-month shortened statutory period of response set to expire November 27, 2002. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

No extension-of-time fee or other fees are believed due. However any extension of time necessary to prevent abandonment is hereby requested, and any fee necessary for consideration of this response is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account Number 50-2036.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph located at page 7, line 8, with the following paragraph:

An outer bearing housing 32 is fastened to the seal housing base 22 by the bolt 24. The outer bearing housing 32 is connected to and retains an upper bearing 34 having an outer race 36 and an inner race 38. The outer bearing housing 32 is also connected to a lower bearing 40

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